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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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THE ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the Year 1962

Telephone No. Malton 2494/5.

Rural District Council of Norton.

THOMAS HICKS
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Rural District Council Offices,
Welham Road, Norton,
Malton,
Yorkshire.

Your Ref.
Our Ref. TH/DBP.

27th November, 1963.

Dear Sir,

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1962.

I am directed to enclose herewith four copies of the Annual Report of the Council's Medical Officer of Health for the year 1962.

Yours faithfully,

T. Hicks

Clerk of the Council.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Health,
Saville Row,
London, W, 1.

NORTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1962.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY :-

Medical Officer of Health:

W. WILSON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector (and Surveyor) :

B. ROBINSON, M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

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To: The Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of Norton.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting, for your consideration, my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of your area for the year, 1962.

No matters have arisen on which I wish to make special comment this year.

I should, however, like to express my thanks to the Members of the Council for their support, to the Officials for their co-operation, and to the Chief Public Health Inspector for his help in preparing this report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. WILSON

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	94,132
Number of inhabited houses (estimate)	2,365
Registrar-General's estimate of home population	7,060
Rateable Value	£55,800
Sum represented by a penny rate	£229

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births.	Male	Female	Total.
Legitimate	48	49	97
Illegitimate	6	-	6
	54	49	103

Live Births		
Number	103	
Rate per 1,000 population		14.59
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births		5.82
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year) ..	2	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births		19.42

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total.	
	39	41	80	
Death rate per 1,000				11.33
Deaths from Heart Disease	18	19	37	
Rate per 1,000 of population				5.24
Deaths from Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	4	12	16	
Rate per 1,000 of population				2.27
Deaths from Cancer	7	1	8	
Rate per 1,000 of population				1.13

Comparative Table of Birth and Death Rates during The Year, 1962,

Area	Live Births	Deaths	Deaths of children under one year of age per 1,000 registered live births
	(Rates per 1,000 civilian Population)		
England and Wales	18.0	11.9	21.4
Administrative County	17.32	11.75	17.40
M.B. and U.D s	16.67	12.59	16.86
R.D.'s	18.16	10.78	17.93

Table of Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates.

Year	Crude Birth Rate	Corrected Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Corrected Death Rate	Infant Mortality
1952	19.1	22.5	11.9	10.8	34.5
1953	16.39	19.3	10.8	9.8	24.2
1954	15.8	17.1	9.16	8.6	16.8
1955	19.17	20.7	10.65	10.02	41.7
1956	10.01	16.21	12.33	12.58	17.86
1957	15.97	17.09	13.26	13.53	16.95
1958	18.08	19.35	11.88	12.12	37.31
1959	16.53	17.69	11.79	12.03	8.2
1960	18.73	20.04	11.46	11.69	35.97
1961	18.72	20.03	12.20	12.44	15.15
1962	14.59	15.61	11.33	11.56	19.42

Table Showing Causes of Death in Norton R.D.C., 1962

		Male	Female	Total
	All Causes	39	41	80
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	2	-	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	1	4
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	-	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	4	12	16
18.	Coronary disease, angina	8	4	12
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ..	-	-	-
20.	Other Heart Disease	10	15	25
21.	Other circulatory diseases	1	4	5
22.	Influenza	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	5	2	7
24.	Bronchitis	-	1	1
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion ..	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	-	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	-	1
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
34.	All other accidents	2	1	3
35.	Suicide	-	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war ..	-	-	-

Table Showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths, 1962

	Male	Female	Total
0 - 1 year	1	1	2
1 - 4 years	-	-	-
5 - 14 "	1	-	1
15 - 24 "	1	-	1
25 - 44 "	1	1	2
45 - 54 "	3	-	3
55 - 64 "	8	2	10
65 - 74 "	6	9	15
75+	18	28	46
	39	41	80

Table Showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths From Malignant Disease.

	Male	Female	Total
0 - 1 year	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-
5 - 14 "	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	-	-
25 - 44 "	1	-	1
45 - 54 "	2	-	2
55 - 64 "	3	1	4
65 - 74 "	1	-	1
75+	-	-	-
	7	1	8

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Disease

Cases of infectious disease notified during the year :-

Dysentery	Nil	(4)
Food Poisoning	Nil	(1)
Measles	32	(173)
Pneumonia	1	(4)
Scarlet Fever	1	(1)
Whooping Cough	Nil	(26)
Erysipelas	Nil	(1)

(Cases occurring in 1961 are shown in parenthesis).

Cases of infectious disease are admitted, when hospital treatment is necessary, to the Isolation Hospitals at York, Scarborough and Bridlington.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Two new cases of Tuberculosis were notified, or came to notice during the year.

There were no deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

At the end of 1962, cases on the Tuberculosis Register were as follows :-

Pulmonary Males	16	cases
Non-Pulmonary Males	3	"
Pulmonary Females	18	"
Non-Pulmonary Females	3	"
Total:	40	cases

Vaccination against Smallpox.

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year, 1962.

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated	36	12	6	37	53	144
Number revaccinated	-	-	3	42	101	146

Immunisation against Diphtheria

The figures for immunisation carried out during the year are as follows :-

Primary Immunisation

Aged Under 5	5 - 14	Total
94	56	150

Reinforcing or "booster" injections - 179

Of the 116 children under five years of age, who are shown as having been immunised against Diphtheria, 91 were, at the same time, immunised against Whooping Cough.

General Provision of Health Services in the District.

Nursing

A domiciliary nursing and midwifery service is available throughout the district, as part of the County Council's scheme under the National Health Service Act.

District Nurse/Midwives are stationed at Norton, Sherburn, Scagglethorpe, Wetwang and Leavening.

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological samples are examined at the Public Health Laboratories situated at Northallerton and Hull.

Routine samples of water are sent to the Laboratory at Hull for examination.

Ambulance Service.

Ambulances based at Scarborough, Filey and Malton are available, and a car for sitting cases is sited at Weaverthorpe.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Child Welfare Clinics are held each month at Sherburn and Rillington.

An Ophthalmic Clinic is held monthly at Norton.

Clinics for the treatment of venereal diseases are held each week at York and Scarborough.

Hospitals.

General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at Malton, Driffield, Scarborough and York.

Maternity cases are admitted to the Westow Croft Maternity Home, Westow.

National Assistance Act, 1948

It has not been necessary to take any action under Section 47 of this Act during the year.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses within the district.

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NORTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1962.

Summary of Inspections made

Public Health

Sewers	84
Sewage Works	101
Water Supplies	8
Water samples	87
Nuisances	9
Sanitary Accommodation (Inns)	2
Infectious Diseases	2
Infestations (Vermin)	2
Camping Sites	17
Refuse Collection and Disposal	68
Drainage	122
Dangerous Buildings	9
Building Byelaws	415
Town Planning	93
Housing	567
Council Houses	80
Rodent Control	51

Food and Drugs

Meat Inspection	429
Food Inspection	1
Food Shops	37
Other Food premises	18
Slaughterhouses	12
Knacker's Yard	7
Petroleum	50

Factories

Power	7
Non-Power	6
Miscellaneous	173
Interviews	93
Total Number	2,550

Water Supplies.

A chlorinated mains supply is available throughout the District, but private supplies are still in use in parts of Birdsall, Burythorpe, Howsham and Scampston parishes.

The Burythorpe private supply is not adequate in the higher part of the village.

94 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination, 87 from the public supply and 7 from private supplies, with the following results:

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Ryedale Water Board Supply (chlorinated)	84	3
Private Supplies (not chlorinated)	4	3

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis.

None of the water supplied is plumbo-solvent.

Sewerage.

During the year, new sewerage systems and sewage disposal works were completed at East Heslerton and Burythorpe bringing the number of villages now served by modern disposal works up to ten. All new works are designed to allow for a substantial increase in the number of houses that may be drained thereto, and although the primary aim in providing modern systems is to permit the installation of modern amenities in houses at present lacking them, and also to abate nuisances caused by unsatisfactory methods of drainage disposal. It is to be hoped that they will eventually help to attract new building to the villages concerned.

In addition, there are small disposal works to serve Council Estates at :-

West Lutton	26 houses and school
Settrington	14 houses
West Heslerton	8 houses.

Progress on other schemes in course of preparation is as follows :-

Scagglethorpe and Settrington.

The Contract has been let for a sewerage scheme and providing for pumphouses in each village to lift sewage to new works midway between the two villages, and it is expected that work will commence early in 1963.

Ganton

Detail plans have been prepared for a new sewerage system, and sewage disposal works at an estimated cost of £16,000.

Thixendale

Unfortunately, there has been no progress, and, at the end of the year, an appeal was lodged against the East Riding County Council's refusal to issue planning consent to a scheme designed to serve only that part of the village not adequately served by septic tanks.

Refuse Collection

The first full year of the fortnightly collection service was completed, and it is interesting to note that whilst, for the first month or two, the volume of refuse per collection tended to be lighter than under the former monthly collection, the position soon changed, and we are now collecting twice as much as previously.

This could, of course, present a problem where tipping space is limited or hard to find, and I feel that the time will come when the advantages of using a tip jointly with other authorities will have to be considered.

During the year, your new Garage/depot was built at Rillington, and your refuse vehicle is now garaged there instead of at Sherburn.

Housing

Twenty-three new dwellings were completed during the year, as against ten during 1961. Details are set out in the following table.

	Council				Private
	Bungalows	Non-Parlour	Parlour	Total	
Burythorpe	-	-	-	-	1 Bungalow
Ganton	-	-	-	-	1 House
Leavening	-	-	-	-	4 Bungalows
Rillington	12	-	-	12	2 Houses 3 Bungalows

Housing Act, 1957.

Good progress was made in dealing with houses deemed to be unfit, and as a result of notices under Section 16, Demolition Orders were made in respect of twenty-one houses, and Closing Orders were placed on three.

A disquieting aspect of the general housing position in the District concerns the houses, fortunately few in number, which were included in Clearance Areas more than 20 years ago, and which are still occupied. The continued occupation of even only one house in an area often delays demolition of the remainder, with a result that the empty houses decay and become generally dilapidated, and they cannot fail to present the village in a less attractive light.

Housing Act, 1959.

During the year, thirty-nine applications for grant were received as follows :-

	Number of Applications	Number Approved	Additional Units provided	Total Grant
Discretionary Grants	15	15	3	£6,112
Standard Grants	25	23		£2,405
Figures for 1961				
Discretionary Grants	16	16	8	£7,828
Standard Grants	16	15		£2,635
Figures for 1949/60				
Discretionary Grants	189	184	-	-
Standard Grants	17	17		

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

No. of Food Shops	48
No. of Hotels, Inns, etc.	20
No. of Cafes)	7
No. of School Canteens)	

No. of Premises registered under Section 16 for :-

(a) Sale of ice cream 30

(b) Manufacture of Meat Products 6

Shops Act, 1950.

There are 48 shops in the District. No contraventions were noted under the Act.

Meat Inspection

Slaughtering remained at about the same level as in the previous year. Apart from a small number of casualties, good quality carcases were produced.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	905	150	20	3,304	1,717	-
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis.						
Whole carcases condemned	-	4	1	19	11	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	140	38	-	34	155	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticercosis	15.47%	28%	5%	1.6%	9.66%	-
Tuberculosis Only						
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organs was condemned	-	-	-	7	-	-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.4%	-
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Fourteen persons are licensed to slaughter animals under the Slaughter of Animals Act.

Moveable Dwellings

There is only one licence in force in the District.

Petroleum (Regulations) Act, 1928/36.

A total of 78 licences have been issued, covering the storage of up to 87,185 gallons of petrol. There are 23 filling stations in the District.

Building Byelaws and Town Planning

The following applications were dealt with during the year:-

Byelaws

In abeyance 31.12.61	3	(1960 - 3)
New applications	138	(1961 - 118)
Applications Approved	139	(1961 - 117)
Applications Rejected	Nil	(1961 - 1)
In abeyance 31.12.62	2	(1961 - 3)

Building Byelaws and Town Planning (Cont.)

Planning.

Brought forward 1.1.62	17	(1961 - 4)
New Applications	85	(1961 - 87)
Applications Approved	89	(1961 - 67)
Applications Refused	5	(1961 - 7)
Applications Withdrawn	3	(1961 - 2)
In abeyance 31.12.62	5	(1961 - 17)

Rodent Control

Routine inspections were made of all premises under the Council's control and treatment carried out were necessary. No infestations were recorded in any of the village sewerage systems.

Council Housing

The responsibility for the painting of Council Houses was taken during the year, and 120 houses were painted.

FACTORIES ACT 1937.

Figures relating to inspection of factories covered only those visits which were made specifically for that purpose, and do not include visits made in connection with other matters, when attention was also paid to items under Sections 1 to 7.

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

1. INSPECTION for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecutions (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 to be enforced by Local Authority	11	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	32	7	2	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total: ..	43	13	2	-

Cases in which DEFECTS found.

(If defects were discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes		-	-		-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

(Outwork) Sections 133 and 134

- Nil Return -